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UDTF Super Bowl party a huge success

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

More than 80 Airmen and their family members flooded the D-M Community Center Super Bowl Sunday to celebrate the pinnacle of football season in an alcohol-free environment.

"The Super Bowl Party at our community center was a huge success," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief. "I had a blast and I think everyone else did also. I was truly shocked at the amount of people who showed up for the party."

"This event was a first class affair and one I will remember forever," Chief Cobb said. "The food, prizes, atmosphere and camaraderie were things that make our Air Force great. Airmen were there from the wing as well as from the tenant units."

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Training in Iraq

Courtesy photo

1st Lt. Dave Pouska and Staff Sgt. Christian Corella, both 55th Rescue Squadron Airmen, perform a fastrope exercise in Iraq with pararescue jumpers from Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Several Airmen from the 563rd Rescue Group returned from a three month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Feb. 5 and 6.

New program welcomes Tucson community leaders

Select Tucsonans will take part in a program to enhance community relations, create a shared spirit of camaraderie

By Senior Airman Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

The base started a new program Wednesday with a breakfast at the enlisted Club to welcome civilians in the Tucson community.

"The Honorary Squadron Commanders Program pairs squadron

commanders from the wing, as well as from the 55th Electronic Combat Group and the 563th Rescue Group, with members of our Tucson community," said Maj. Marty Reynolds, 355th Wing chief of staff.

This program will help the honorary squadron commanders understand our mission, traditions and customs through wing and squadron events such as promotions, change-of-command ceremonies, hails and farewells, and other events the squadron commander wishes to immerse the honorary commander in.

"The new Honorary Commanders are prominent business owners and influential members of Tucson society who have supported D-M over time," Maj. Reynolds said. "This program will not only give them recognition for their support, but also a more in-depth look at day to day operations in their designated squadron."

Mrs. Barbara Peck, a DM-50 member and a director at LP&G in Tucson, became the honorary commander for the 355th Dental Squadron.

"I am very honored to be associated (with D-M) in any way I am

able," she said. "I am looking forward to learning more and having more contact with the tremendous people we have in Tucson and at Davis-Monthan."

The new honorary commanders will serve as our ambassadors to the Tucson community, Major Reynolds said.

"Over the next year you will see these civilians in your squadrons," Major Reynolds said. "They are excited about being members of our Desert Lightning Team. Please welcome them as one of your squadron members."

The January Davis-Monthan Air Force Base time line in sorties as of Feb. 1

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	625.4	260.2	2,449.2	162nd OBS	244.8	463.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	737.0	789.7	2,350.8	354th FS	3,647.7	3,721.8	11,296.5
55th RQS	899.9	954.3	2,880.0	357th FS	2,808.0	2,632.9	8,966.0
79th RQS	485.8	629.6	1,451.0	358th FS	2,758.0	2,809.2	8,948.0

Salute to the troops

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show at the Tucson Convention Center will offer free admission to service personnel and their families with military identification cards Saturday. The doors will open at 10 a.m. For more information, send an e-mail to tgms@tgms.org.

Non-DoD shoppers purchasing items at commissary, base exchange

Concern: I am upset because the commissary and base exchange are allowing people access and privileges to purchase items in the stores when they are not allowed these privileges. I have asked the cashiers why they did not check IDs of people in front of me and they said they never ask anymore. Is this right? I don't think this is right and it is a disgrace to all those who are allowed to have this privilege to allow others to purchase items without a proper ID.

Response: Thanks for your concern about protecting your BX privileges. You are right ... we can and must do a better job of ensuring that only authorized Department of Defense card holders are allowed to shop at the BX and commissary.

I want to assure you that protection of your privileges is a priority for the Defense Commissary Agency and the Army Air Force Exchange Service.

Non-DoD cardholders are allowed into our facilities as DoD dropped the requirement to check IDs at the door four years ago. But these guests are NOT allowed to make purchases. To ensure that only authorized customers are allowed to make purchases we are required to check IDs at the point of purchase for all non-uniformed customers. Authorized DoD ID card holders are required to obtain a visitor pass for their guests at the visitor's center and sign-in their guests before they bring them into the BX. Guests without a visitor's pass are not allowed to enter the BX when we are conducting our daily random ID checks.

I will ensure that all our cashiers are aware of the policy and that they request IDs from all non-uniformed customers.

It is the responsibility of our military personnel and families to properly supervise any "guests" they bring into the exchange. Allowing a "guest" to purchase something at the BX or commissary may result in the loss of base exchange or commissary privileges. They may revoke or suspend the authorized customer's exchange privileges, as well as take other appropriate corrective or disciplinary actions.

I encourage customers to report any suspicious activity about patronage controls to management immediately.

TIA — security passes to say hail, farewell to deployed Airmen

Question: I've heard that family members saying good-bye to their Airmen leaving for deployment or waiting for their Airmen to come home at Tucson International Airport may proceed through security and wait at the gate with or for them. Is this true? What steps should I take to do this?

Response: Saying good-bye to a loved one is a difficult time and we all recognize the need to spend as much time with them as possible. After months of waiting, the small difference of getting to the gate versus waiting outside security can mean a lot for our family members.

We checked with the Transportation Security Administration and TIA about the subject and found these rules. Security Directives allow "Access to sterile concourse for non traveling individuals." It also says: "Military



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander (right), and Jay Zucker, Sidewinders baseball team owner, view the Sidewinders 2005 schedule. Members of the Sidewinders Baseball team including players, management and staff visited D-M and signed autographs.

passenger's family members may be given a pass 1) To escort the military passenger to the gate, or 2) To meet a military passenger's inbound arrival at the gate."

In order to get through security, all individuals must have a pass from the airline the Airman is flying on and photo identification. Check with the airline before getting to the airport to ensure all paperwork is completed through TSA and the airline.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron directs all wing transportation, supply and logistics planning functions through a work force supporting A/OA-10, HC-130 and HH-60E combat-ready aircraft. The 355th LRS manages more than \$202 million in supplies and equipment, maintains \$42 million worth of vehicles and directs \$49 million in fuel support. They generate deployments, reception, planning and execution and manage personnel and equipment for operational taskings.

Airman 1st Class Ave Thuthu (left) and Staff Sgt. Christy Stockdale (right), both from 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, check inventory.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

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Desert Lightning community, nation come together in faith

By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker
355th Wing Public Affairs

Gathering as men and women of the Armed Services in a spirit of peace is not a day-to-day occurrence for most military members. However, Feb. 4, the leadership and members of the Desert Lightning team joined together for the annual National Prayer Breakfast.

"The National Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for each individual of the Desert Lightning team to come together to look within themselves and pray for better things to come," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief. "It was also a time for us as Airmen to understand we are called to a greater purpose to defend the U.S. Constitution and preserve the liberties and freedoms of all men and women across the world."

As part of taking time in developing and nurturing our Airmen through this spiritual opportunity, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, chief of chaplains for the Air Force spoke about holding strong to faith through tough times in life. Chaplain Baldwin started his Air Force career as a rescue helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War and now leads and directs the spiritual nurturing and support of more than 850,000 people in the combined active, Guard, Reserve and civilian force.

Chief Cobb had time to personally talk and reflect with Chaplain Baldwin.

"He is the spiritual chief of the U.S. Air Force," said Chief Cobb. "He is a representation of the Airmen from the field with his experience as a helicopter pilot, leaving the Air Force to finish schooling and to come back to the Air Force, as a chaplain. He embodies the saying, 'You can do anything if you put your mind to it.'"

The gathering included a full breakfast for all in attendance and a military prayer book to provide Airmen across the base a daily reminder of the holy.

"Researchers at John's Hopkins University have learned that those who practice their faith on a regular basis more than halved their risk of death due to suicide, heart disease, emphysema and some cancers," said Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft, 355th Wing chaplain.

The program also included the talents of Elizabeth Pae, a 9-year-old musician who added to the event with her talent on the violin. The Inspirational Gospel Service men's choir from D-M's Sunday Gospel Service also preformed.

The tradition of the National Prayer Breakfast started with the initiative of House of Representative and Senate members during World War II



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Master Sgt. Dale McGavran, 355th Wing, takes time for prayer joined by others from the Desert Lightning community during the base's annual prayer breakfast.

wanting to meet together regularly to discuss spiritual and personal needs. The breakfast gathering was initially known as the Presidential Prayer Breakfast from its roots of the newly elected president, Dwight Eisenhower, joining the members of the House of Representative and Senate in their spiritual gathering.

"The National Prayer [Breakfast] is practiced all over our country on the federal and local level," said Chaplain Croft. "We come together from different backgrounds and faith traditions to unite on the basic belief that God has greatly blessed us as a nation and that we have been created with purpose and value."

The breakfast has spread to every state and many cities and local governments around the world. It is typically held shortly after Congress convenes for the first time each year.

The National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C. was held Feb. 3, with President George Bush as the primary speaker, stressing the importance of spirituality from the highest levels of our government.

"We recognize in one another the spark of the Divine that gives all human beings their inherent dignity and worth, regardless of religion," President Bush said. "I thank you for the fine tradition you continue here today, and hope that as a nation, we will never be too proud to commend our cares to Providence and trust in the goodness of His plans."

News Notes

Gospel jubilee

"We come this far by faith," a gospel jubilee presentation will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the base theater. The event will include skits, dancing, mass choirs, quartets, duets, solos and more. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Eddie Jones at 228-5411.

Salute to hospitalized veterans

The Southern Arizona Veteran's Administration Health Care System is providing an opportunity to say, "thank you" to some of America's hospitalized veterans Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Deborah Brookshire at 629-1822.

ASIST training

An applied suicide intervention skills training class will be offered Wednesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Space is limited. To make a reservation, call Senior Airman Jennifer Coburn at 228-5411.

Medical Group closure

The 355th Medical Group will be closed Thursday for training at noon.

Golf tournament

The 12th Air Force will host "The 2005 Duel in the Desert," golf tournament Feb. 18. For more information or to sign-up, call Master Sgt. David Tyler at 228-2011 or Master Sgt. Wallace Tumblin at 228-2039.

MPOY banquet

The 355th Maintenance Group will host the 2004 Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards Banquet Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Pima Air and Space Museum. Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez will be the guest speaker. Tickets are available through group chiefs. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin Biggs at 228-0689.

Munitions inventory

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight will conduct a semi-annual 100 percent base stock inventory March 1 through 31. This will limit customer support during March. Requests for munitions assets must be submitted to munitions operations no later than Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Requests received after this date require an emergency issue letter. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey or Staff Sgt. Patrick Blevins at 228-8632.

Terrorism history

Feb. 12, 1981, in the Philippines Moro National Liberation Front insurgents killed 118 government troops on Pata Island after persuading them to lay down their arms.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Friday through Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
and Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight for a ride.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Staff Sgt. Thomas Puckett, 357th Fighter Squadron, signs off an A-10 safety flight issue. Sergeant Puckett was named the 12th Air Force 2004 Aircraft Crew Chief of the Year.



Photo by Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted

Capt. Clinton Eichelberger (left), 12th Air Force 2004 Instructor of the Year, reviews preflight procedures with Capt. Abel Ramos. Both Airmen are assigned to the 357th Fighter Squadron.

Wing Airmen earn Numbered Air Force awards

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Three Airmen from the 355th Wing received recognition from 12th Air Force for their outstanding performance during 2004.

Airman 1st Class Zachary Ripp, 95th Reconnaissance Squadron, Mildenhall Royal Air Base, England, intelligence operations analyst formally from the 355th Operation Support Squadron, received recognition as a 2004 12th Air Force Intelligence Awards Program Outstanding Intelligence Airman.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Puckett, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief, was named the 12th Air Force 2004 Aircraft Crew Chief of the Year.

And, Capt. Clinton Eichelberger, 357th Fighter Squadron A-10 pilot instructor, was presented with the title of 12th Air Force's 2004 Instructor of the Year.

"Time and time again Airmen assigned to the 355th Wing continue to perform exceptionally well in every situation they have been placed in," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "Each Airman and civilian working at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base should take pride in the accomplishments the Desert Lightning community has achieved in 2004. However, even among such high caliber individuals, special recognition is warranted to those who always set the standard for others to achieve."

Some of the ways these Airmen have shown they are exceptional individuals include Airman

Ripp's assistance in writing interrogation rules of engagement while deployed to Iraq. Sergeant Puckett's desire to continually put service before self by volunteering to forward deploy to Afghanistan after serving a rotation in Iraq instead of returning home. Captain Eichelberger served as a mentor to numerous motivated A-10 pilots in training.

The awards these Airmen earned all serve as a reminder of dedication others have made to ensure their success.

"To me this award symbolizes the people who I have learned from and worked with," Sergeant Puckett said. "I have not earned this award on my own. I have been blessed with good supervisors and receiving this award is justification for all the time that was spent training me."

D-M major, civilian receive 2004 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez awards

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Two Airmen from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron were named 2004 Air Combat Command Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez award winners.

Maj. Daniel Runyon, 355th EMS commander, received a 2004 Lieutenant General Marquez award in the outstanding munitions and missile maintenance field grade office of the year category.

William Hatten, 355th EMS phase inspection craftsman, received a 2004 Lieutenant General Marquez award in the outstanding munitions and missile maintenance civilian technician category.

General Marquez retired from the Air Force in 1987 as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics and Engineering, headquarters U. S. Air Force.

Throughout his career, he believed frontline maintainers were the key to mission accomplishment. These awards serve as a symbol of General Marquez's dedication to providing recognition to Airmen and civilians in maintenance operations.

"The Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award is the highest level award a maintainer can get," Major Runyon said. It is the epitome of professional awards. The awards are recognized by maintenance professionals as one of the best in the business.

"Winning this award is the great-

est honor bestowed upon me in my 30 year aviation career," Mr. Hatter said. "Pride in myself and my work motivates me to do the best every day and it is humbling to be recognized with such a prestigious award."

Throughout 2004, Major Runyon and Mr. Hatten have performed many tasks qualifying them for these awards.

Some of Major Runyon's accomplishments during 2004 included coordinating all munitions actions in preparation for the stand-up of the 563rd Rescue Group and supporting munitions efforts for air and space expeditionary force silver from two bases.

Some of Mr. Hatten's actions throughout 2004 included his streamlining the phase recovery team pro-

cesses preventing 22 hangar queen aircraft and stopping catastrophic engine damage by detecting a loose rivet in an engine inlet.

While individual effort is recognized by the award Major Runyon, and Mr. Hatten realize without teamwork, achieving this recognition would not be possible.

"To me this award means all of my ammo and armament warriors are being recognized for the outstanding contributions they have made in the last year," Major Runyon said. "They deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and Diego Garcia to prosecute the war on terrorism in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and still kept flying training on track here at home."

Civilian pilots train to provide airshow goers view into past

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

March 4 through 6, the skies above Davis-Monthan will be filled with a variety of aircraft, both military and civilian, training to fly during the 2005 Air Show season.

"The Heritage Flight Conference is a training opportunity for Air Com-

bat Command single-ship demonstration teams and Heritage Flight civilians," said Lt. Col. Phil Fluhr, 355th Training Squadron and installation project officer for the HFC. "The conference allows pilots to get together to learn about each other's aircraft capabilities for flying in formation."

During this year's conference, all six ACC single-ship demonstration teams will be present. In addition, two active-duty Air Force F-4 pilots, 11 currently certified and approved civilian HF pilots and one newly selected civilian pilot will attend the training.

The military doesn't have any old war birds in their inventory, Colonel Fluhr said. "They are typically owned by civilians or museums. So, to have them at airshows, we rely on civilians or private organizations to bring them."

However, the civilian pilots must first get certification to fly with military aircraft during airshows.

"They must train with military pi-

A civilian pilot trains in a P-51 Mustang along side an A-10 to learn how to safely demonstrate the warbird's capabilities.

lots once a year in order to receive the certification needed to perform in airshows during the year," said Major Todd Daggett, ACC Aerial Events Branch chief.

"During this year's HFC, there will be six P-51s, one P-38, one F-86 and one P-47 present for the civilian pilots to train with," Colonel Fluhr said.

Among the civilian pilots present during the HFC will be retired Maj. Gen. William Anders. General Anders was one of the first astronauts to fly the Lunar Landing Training Vehicle. He was the Lunar Module Pilot on the December 1968 Apollo 8 lunar orbit mission, the first manned flight on the giant Saturn V rocket and mankind's first flight away from the earth to another body in the solar system.

Retired General Regis Urschler will also attend. He is a command pilot with more than 13,500 flying hours. His military decorations include a Legion of Merit, a Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 18 oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal with three clusters.

Dale Snodgrass, James Beasley, Jr.,

Thomas Gregory, III, and Charles Hall will also attend.

Mr. Snodgrass has 16 years of airshow experience and more than 600 low level performances in high performance aircraft. Mr. Beasley has been flying for 18 years and has flown the P-51 for approximately 14 years. Mr. Gregory has been flying for the Lone Star Flight Museum since 1993 and is qualified on the B-17, B-25, F-4U, F-6F, SBD-5, P-38, AT-6, P-47, Spitfire, Seafury and T-34. Mr. Hall has an Airline Transport Pilot Rating with approximately 31,000 total hours. He has 4,000 hours in the P-51D.

The other HFC pilots who are scheduled to attend the 2005 training are Steve Hinton; Bradley Hood; Lee Lauderback; Vlado Lenocho; Ed Shipley; Lt. Col. Charlie Hainline, 82nd Aircraft Training Squadron Detachment 1, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.; Lt. Col. Jerry Kerby, 82nd ATRS, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.; and Greg Anders.

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of articles scheduled to run in the Desert Airman leading up to the Heritage Flight Conference.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from Jan. 21 through Feb. 3.

Civil arrest: domestic violence

The Tucson Police Department notified the Security Forces Control Center of a civil arrest of an Airman from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron for domestic violence, assault and criminal damage. The Airman and his dependent spouse were involved in a verbal altercation, which escalated into physical contact, resulting in the spouse sustaining minor injuries and damage to private property.

Civilians: driving while under the influence

An unauthorized civilian attempted to enter the installation via the Craycroft gate and initially disregarded the security forces gate guard challenge. Security forces members were successful in stopping the vehicle and contacted the TPD. A TPD officer conducted a breath analysis on the subject with a resulting blood alcohol content of .199. The subject was arrested and transported to Pima County Detention Center.

An unauthorized civilian attempted to enter the installation through the visitor center parking lot. Security forces suspected the vehicle operator was driving while under the influence. The TPD was contacted. Due to the subject's state, security forces and the TPD officer were unable to perform field

sobriety test's. A breath analysis rendered a BAC of .84. The subject was arrested and transported to Pima County Detention Center.

Patrol response: assault

Security forces responded to an assault at Smith Elementary School. Investigation revealed a student was attempting to harm himself and when a Tucson Unified School District employee tried to stop the action, the student assaulted the employee. The TPD was contacted and the student was cited and released to his sponsor.

Patrol response: domestic disturbance

An Airman from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron and his dependent spouse were involved in a verbal altercation over the Airman removing items from the couple's residence and appropriate visitation time schedule. No arrests were made.

Patrol response: hit and run

A dependent of a master sergeant from the 355th Medical Group hit a vehicle and departed the scene. With the vehicle description provided by a witness, security forces were able to locate, stop and detain the dependent. The dependent was cited and released to their sponsor.

Patrol response: provoking speeches, gestures and failure to obey

An Airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was detained for failure to provide security forces proper identification during a

field interview after a vehicle traffic stop. During the same incident, another Airman from the 355th CMS was detained for provoking speeches and gestures, failure to obey the direction of a security forces member and disrespect to an NCO.

Patrol response: shoplifting

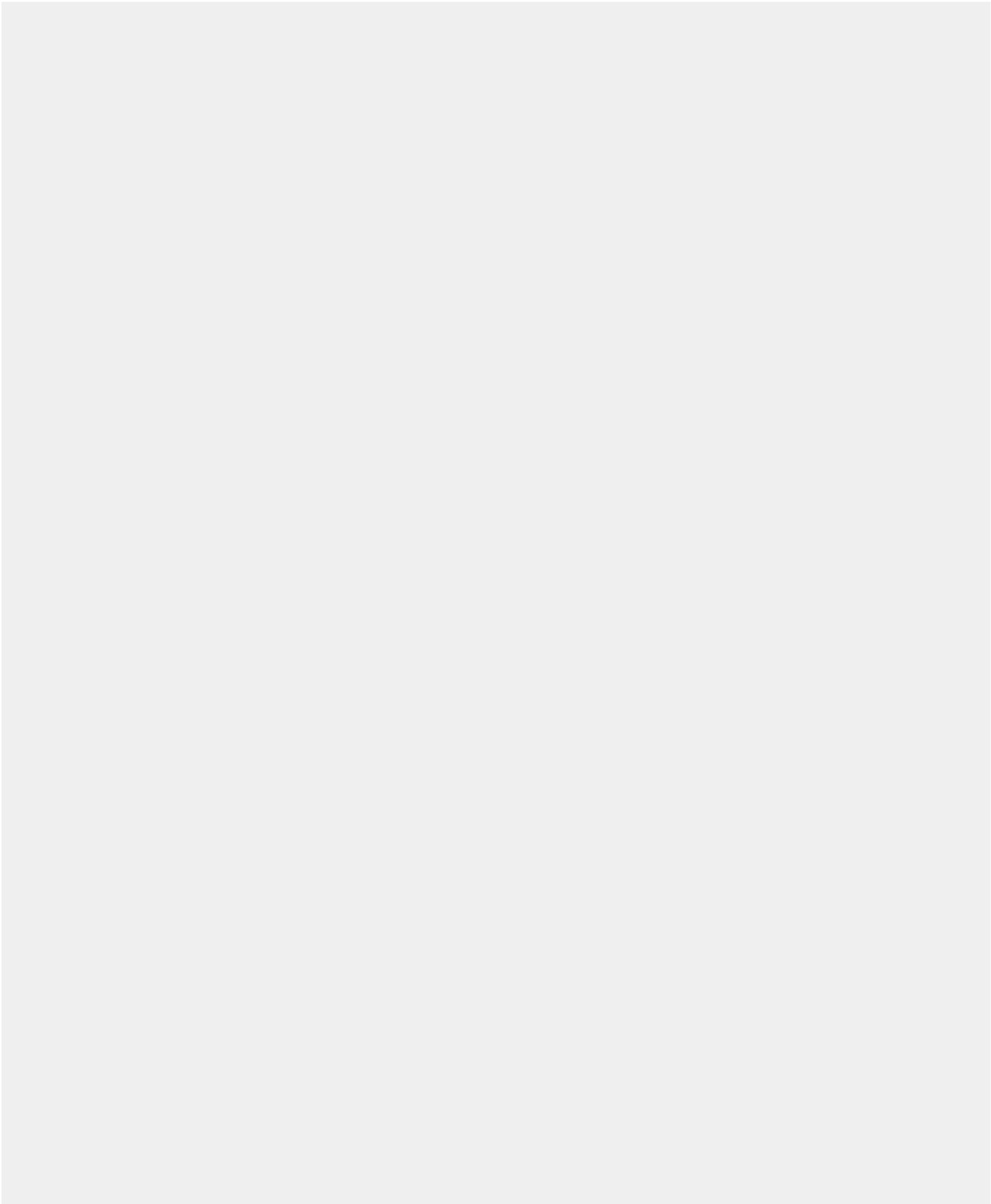
An airman from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron was observed by a base exchange store detective removing a video game and music CD without rendering payment. The Airman eluded the detective. He returned at a later date and was recognized by the detective while attempting to remove another music CD without rendering payment. The Airman was detained and transported by security forces to the SFCC for processing.

Theft of government property: unsecured

An employee of the community center reported to the SFCC a Playstation 2 was missing from the facility. The employee related the console was labeled in white marker "CC Bldg 4201."

Theft of personal property: unsecured

An Airman from the 355th EMS reported to the SFCC of missing personal property. The Airman placed his wallet, cell phone and vehicle keys within the fitness center weight lifting area. Upon his return the wallet was missing. An employee of billeting reported the theft of items from base lodging. The items were a water hose, clay ceramic holder and two wagon wheels.



Serving in Iraq

Deployed 355th CS Airmen document reshaping of Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

To some people, going to work while deployed means preparing a plane for a rescue mission, or protecting a convoy delivering supplies. But to two Airmen deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, it means learning about and documenting what is occurring on the installation.

Armed with a still-camera, a camcorder and an M-16, Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr, photographer, and Airman 1st Class James Armer, motion media, both deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron. They provide the deployed installation commander and the Air Force a picture of what is happening in their area of responsibility.

"My primary job while deployed is to document Air Force activities," Airman Armer said. "This includes joint national force missions, joint Army missions, short training and creating informational videos."

"Documenting Air Force operations is important because it provides an opportunity for the Air Force to show what we are doing while deployed," Sergeant Lohr said. "Media outlets tend to show the dark side of the war, but by documenting as much of the Air Force's mission as possible allows



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

A view of Kirkuk, Iraq, from Kirkuk Air Base during the nation's first free election.

us to put out positive messages. It provides an opportunity to show Airmen helping Iraqis, performing their job and much more."

Their mission is to keep others informed and this allows the Airmen to document things outside of the installation gates. A program that takes the Airmen off base is Operation Crayon.

"Operation Crayon is a program where troops are able to give Iraqi children school supplies," Sergeant Lohr said.

Participating in Operation Crayon and seeing the Iraqi children shows servicemembers a side of Iraq that is rarely seen in the U.S., said Chaplain (Capt.) Hector Colon, 506th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain.

"The trip to the schools is made via convoy," Sergeant Lohr said. "When we leave the base to document events like this, the Army or Air Force security forces patrols come with us."

Having the opportunity to docu-

ment daily life at Kirkuk Air Base has provided Sergeant Lohr and Airman Armer an opportunity to see a part of history first hand.

During Election Day morning we were attacked three times within an hour, Sergeant Lohr said. However it was quiet for the rest of the day. Besides the attacks, to most people at Kirkuk Air Base it was probably a day like most others.

"But for the people who were able to see outside of the gate, it was different," Sergeant Lohr said. "You could see all the people who were in line to vote, that really hit home as the reason we are here."

In addition to seeing Iraqis ready to vote, Sergeant Lohr and Airman Armer have witnessed other Iraqis ready to see the future of their country shaped.

"The most amazing thing I have seen in the month I have been here is the new Iraqi air force that is now at Kirkuk," Sergeant Lohr said. "The planes are only single engine aircraft but they are theirs and the Iraqis are proud of them. The Iraqi air force may only have a handful of people, but they are all excited about what their future holds."

Throughout the rest of their deployment, Sergeant Lohr and Airman Armer hope to have many more opportunities to see Iraq reshaped and evolve.



Photo by Frances Peintack

Airmen play football bingo during an Underage Drinking Task Force Party hosted by the Davis-Monthan Community Center. More than 80 Airmen and their family members attended the event.

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As part of developing and nurturing Airmen, this party provided an opportunity for Airmen to enjoy one another's company outside the work environment.

"This Air Force is a great family and it is our job to ensure that as family members, we are always there for each other," Chief Cobb said. "Events like this and many more to come in the future are an opportunity to be there for each other and encourage members to continue to be part of our Air Force family."

To make an event like this take place requires a great deal of coordination and preparation.

"The decorations, food and prizes were all well thought out," Chief Cobb said. "I cannot thank the services folks enough for all their hard work in providing a safe, enthusiastic environment for our Airman to have a good time."

Airmen who attended the party had many opportunities to go home with an array of National Football League items.

The Underage Drinking Task Force Super Bowl

Party provided numerous football related activities for Airmen to participate in during the game, such as football bingo, football trivia and drawings throughout the game, said Frances Peintack, 355th Services Squadron marketing director. More than \$1,000 worth of NFL merchandise including jerseys, pennants and hats were given away throughout the evening.

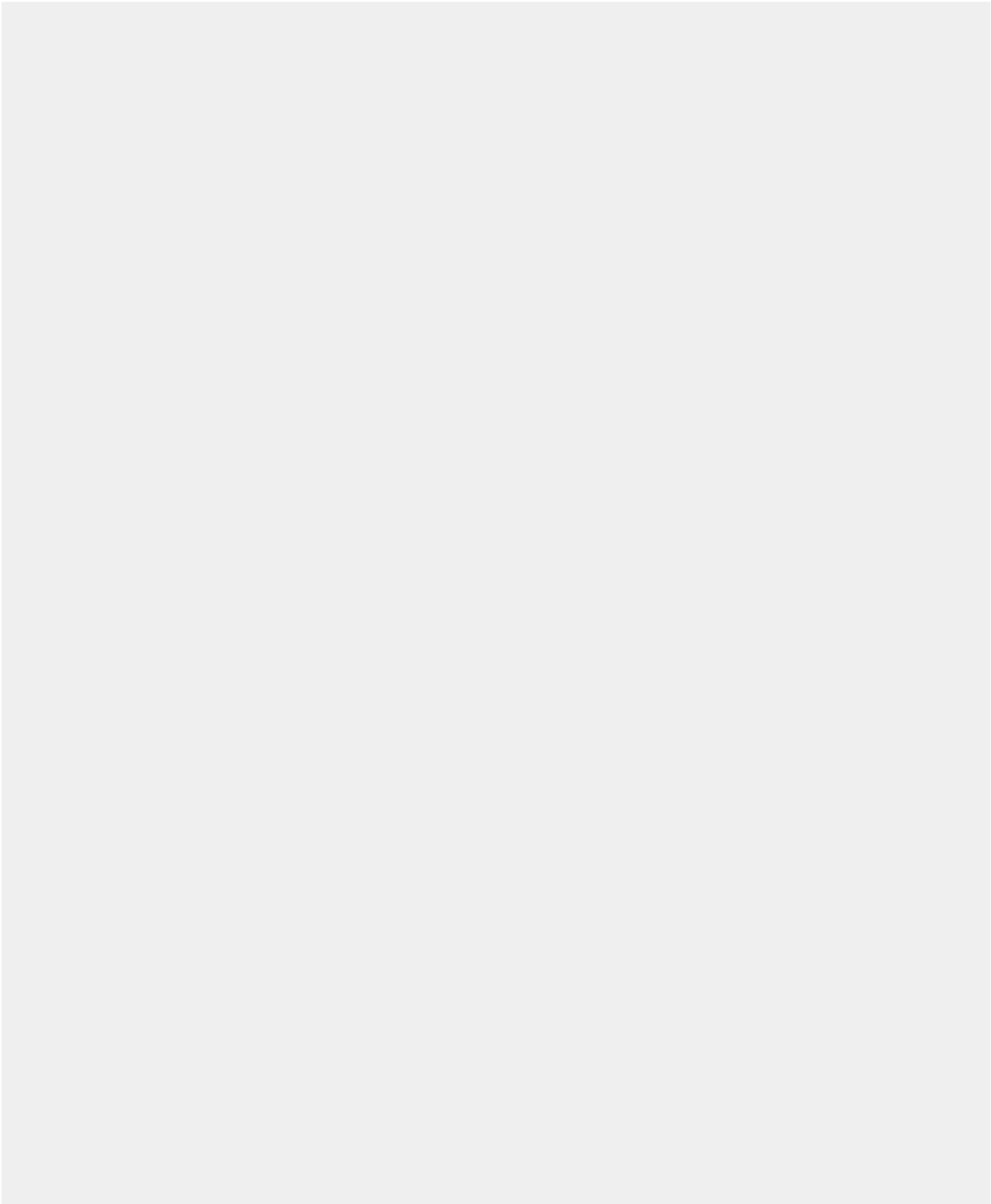
Many future UDTF events are scheduled for underage Airmen at D-M.

The next UDTF event is the 8-ball pool tournament, which will be held Feb. 25. All participants will meet in the D-M Community Center at 7 p.m. Individuals and partners are welcome to participate.

This event is open to members of the base who are under 21, including Airmen and their spouses who do not live in the dorms, said Capt. Jennifer Jenkins, Company Grade Officers Council vice-president. The grand prize will be a cue-stick. There will also be bowling games, golf balls and gift certificates to outdoor recreation given away.

The deadline to sign up for the event, co-sponsored by the CGOC, is Feb. 22.

For more information, or to sign up, contact a dormitory president. Non-dormitory residents should contact their first sergeant.



Taking care of resources helps mission

Commander weighs benefits of caring for all Air Force assets

By Col. Dewey Holmes
355th Maintenance Group

Supplies are limited ... We are going to have to cinch up the belt ... Do more with less ... We have all heard these sound bites at one time or another. Our job in the Air Force is to get the mission accomplished and we only have a limited amount of resources to get it done.

Every year we have a budget that we must adhere to, some years larger than others. We must utilize what we have to the best of our abilities to get the job done.

What would you consider to be the most import resource the Air Force has?

I believe the most important resource is our people, airmen basics to generals, and their families.

With an ever-shrinking military force, this finite resource is the hardest to replace.

You can quickly replace a number of Airmen with new recruits, but you can't replace their experience for years.

We as supervisors and leaders must ensure the highest quality of care for this precious resource because if we do not the consequences are devastating. The Air Force is a strong family and we need to look out for one another's best interest.

Next to our people, time is another precious resource. Time cannot be bought nor can it be stored for use at a later date. We need to make the best use of every minute of every day.

Here are some things to think about when you are on duty. Show up to work on time or even a few minutes early. Your coworkers will

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appreciate it and those who you may be relieving would like to go home on time.

Do not just work hard, but also work smart.

If you know a better way to accomplish the task and save time, then recommend the change to a supervisor or use the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program. The IDEA program is a wonderful tool to affect local, Air Force and even Department of Defense-wide procedures and it could mean money in your pocket.

One thing to remember though — never take short cuts that affect safety or security for the sake of saving time. Sometimes we have to work weekends, nights and longer hours than we want in order to support the mission.

So when you are off-duty, please take the opportunity to spend quality time with your friends and family. They are your single most important investment.

Instead of watching television, try playing a game, going on a hike, or doing something you all enjoy. If you put quality time in with them the benefits bleed over into your work. The same goes if you do not invest quality time in them.

An Airman's happy home life makes for a more productive work force.

The last resource I would like to discuss is our physical resources; government operated vehicles in particular. We would all like to have the newest facilities, latest vehicles, and most technologically-enhanced equipment. In a perfect world we could have them, but reality is a bit different. We need to take care of what we have while waiting on new replacements.

For instance, when you operate your personal vehicle how do you treat it? Most likely you maintain it, check the oil regularly, wash and wax it and drive it carefully. We need to treat our GOVs the same way, not like a rental car.

We must take ownership of our GOVs. Yes, some of them are not the latest model, but they are what we have at this time and it beats walking or hauling tools by hand. The better care we give to our GOVs, the longer we will be able to keep them.

Resource management is everyone's responsibility. If we work smart and hard then we can accomplish the Air Force's mission better and faster than before.

Let us continue to make us the greatest Air Force in the world by taking care of each other, our families, and our physical resources.

An opportunity to share personal deployed Air Force stories with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

Airmen interested in sharing personal deployed stories should contact the *Desert Airman* staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or 228-3091.

Final Answer

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



**Tech. Sgt.
Brian Shaffer**
355th Communication
Squadron

*"Nothing because
she is deployed
right now. But we
are getting married
March 5."*



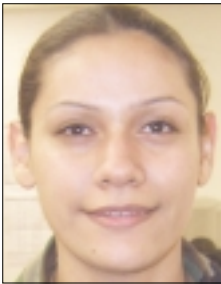
**Senior Airman
Katie Stemmerich**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

*"I'm just going to
spend it with my
daughter."*



**Tech. Sgt.
William Cochran**
355th Logisitics
Readiness Squadron

*"I will spend time
with my three
children eating
chocolates."*



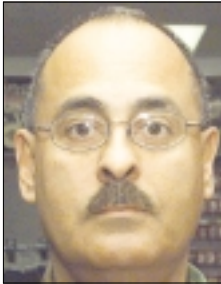
**Staff. Sgt.
Claudia Hunter**
355th Medical
Support Squadron

*"Grandma will
baby-sit and I will
take my husband
out to dinner."*



**Master Sgt.
Amarilis Reyes-Box**
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

*"My plans are to eat
cupcakes with my
babies."*



**Tech. Sgt.
Juan Varela**
355th Services
Squadron

*"I'll buy my wife
some flowers and take
her and the family out
to dinner."*

Airman's Attic is currently looking for volunteers

The Airman's Attic is maintained by volunteers and serves all E-4s and below in the Davis-Monthan community. The attic is open every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to sort donated items, carry items to vehicles for customers and for general cleaning. Volunteers with pick-up trucks are also needed to pick up and deliver large household items. The attic is located on the second floor of Building 3220 across from the bowling alley on Ironwood Street. Those interested in volunteering should call 228-4098. The attic is also currently accepting donations, ranging from common household goods to men's, women's and baby's clothes.

Airmen prove they are ready to lead

Class 05-B graduates from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Airman Leadership School

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from Class 05-B graduated from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's Airman Leadership School Feb. 4 during a ceremony held off-base.

According to the mission statement for ALS, the purpose of the course is to, "prepare senior airman to be professional, warfighting Airmen who can supervise and lead Air Force teams in the employment of Air and Space Power."

The five week course teaches Airmen leadership, about and human relations, communications and the profession of arms.

The profession of arms curriculum provides the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary to succeed as supervisors in the military environment.

The leadership curriculum provides the philosophy, concepts, principles and operating practices of effective leadership in the Air Force environment.

The communication skills curriculum provides instruction to Airmen to be more effective in both written and spoken communication.

The current curriculum allows students to deliver three briefings and compose three papers. Students are provided lesson guides — complete with nightly required readings, to assist in preparing for classroom instruction.

In order to graduate from ALS, Airmen must achieve a 70 percent or higher cumulatively in all areas.

In addition to learning various leadership skills, Airmen also earn nine semester hours of college credit in the following areas: three hours in Leadership and Management, two hours in Managerial Communications and two hours in Military Studies after completing the ALS course.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who graduated from ALS:

12th Air Force: Crystal Andrews and Roxanne Brown; **25th Operational Weather Squadron:** Raymond Gibson; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Ryan Ato, James Burghardt, Robert Chaplin, Timothy Conner, Anthony Guzman, Joseph Klingler, Alexander Marquez, Benjamin Park, Garrett Smith, Demencio Solorzano and Carlos West; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Ronald Montoya

and Jessica Packard; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Byron Brown; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Shawn Beto; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Daniel Brewer, Diasaku Dixon and Bernardine Hale; **355th Security Forces Squadron:** Frank Guida, Candice Hoehn, Joseph Holland, Glen Swenson and Ryan Wade; **355th Services Squadron:** Mario Pinedarivas; **355th Wing:** Deena Moore; **357th Fighter Squadron:** Laura Pearce; **612th Air Communications Squadron:** Gina Ambrosino and Jonathan Epps; **612th COS:** Aaron Tissot; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** Jon Brecke; **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Antonio Ayala, Emily Frances, Krister Hatch, Anthony Island, Joshua Nowell, Tighe Rice, Lee Settlemyre, David Taylor and Joseph Willis.

In addition to graduating from ALS, some Airmen also receive awards.

"The purpose is to distinguish the best of the best," said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Ellis, 355th Mission Support Squadron ALS instructor.

The following were the award winners:

Levito Award: Anthony Island; **Distinguished Graduate:** Jessica Packard, Joshua Nowell and Robert Chaplain; **Academic Award:** Anthony Island and **Leadership Award:** Frank Guida.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Samuel Hubbard of the 355th Services Squadron. Sergeant Hubbard is the lodging front desk supervisor. According to his first sergeant, Master Sgt. Steven Flatt, he was nominated for the spotlight because he is a, "professional NCO with a great attitude willing to do whatever it takes to get (the job) done."

The following are Sergeant Hubbard's responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force: I joined to serve my country and see the world.

Best aspects of the job: Meeting different people everyday.

What do you like best about D-M: Everyone who I meet seems to be in a good mood; that's rare.

What has been your best assignment and why: Soesterberg Air Base, Netherlands, because I was able to play tackle football there.

If you were a recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? As a member of the Air Force you have an opportunity to be part of the best team in the world.

What is the best advice you have received in the Air Force? Take advantage of the school opportunities we have as Air Force members.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Your most memorable moment in the Air Force? Finally getting to my first base. I looked toward the sky and said, "This isn't Eloy, Arizona that's for sure!"

Jan. Sharp Troop Awards

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were recognized by Chiefs' Group as outstanding Airmen for January. The Airmen selected project a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism.



The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Chiefs' Group Sharp Troop award program is intended to recognize outstanding personnel in the enlisted grades of airman basic through technical sergeant. Airmen selected as Sharp Troops are awarded a Chiefs' Group Coin, certificate and Army and Air Force Exchange Service coupons.

48th Rescue Squadron: Staff Sgt. Hauoli Dizol; **355th Communications Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Spencer Chambliss and Tech. Sgt. Brian Shaffer; **355th Dental Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Sherwin Williams; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Airman Nicole McEnany; **355th Maintenance Group:** Staff Sgt. Jared Scoggins; **612th Combat Operations Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Danisha Jean-Baptiste

Valentine's Day greetings

Jeffery, Thank you for doing your best at everything. I love you. Thank you for the love and respect you have shown me and to your new family. I know it's tough growing up but you are doing great! Love Mom



Kristine LaGuardia: "Kumg may bukas mang tinatanaw. Dahil may isang ikaw. Kulang ang magpakailan pa man. Upang bawat sadali ay. Upang muli't muli ay. Any mahal in ay.... Ikaw. Masaya Valentine's Day, asawa ko. Salamat, para sustentuhan mo, mahal kita magpakailan man!" Senior Airman LaGuardia



To my husband Ron, Having you is the most wonderful gift our Lord gave me and it became doubly best when Lester and Francine came to our lives. Happy Valentine's Day, My loves Ko. I will love you forever - Lala



Tigger, I wanted to tell you how much I love you. You are the best part of everyday. There is nothing like a dream to create the future and you are my dream. Your other half, Nikki



Senior Airman Jason Beecroft, Happy Valentine's Day sweetie. Even though we can't be together right now, I just want you to know that I love you and that you are the man of my dreams. I will love you forever. Your Valentine, Alex



Tyrrelle and Sydney, Happy Valentine's Day! Wish I could be there. I love you and miss you



Senior Airman Jon Earnist, A river of words could not describe what I feel for you. You are the most amazing person I've ever known and I love you I really, really do. Can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. Senior Airman Esmat Sabbagh



Rebecca Suarez, Happy Valentine's Day to my beautiful wife who I love and miss very much! You mean the world to me. I count the days until I can see you again. I love you with all my heart! Staff Sgt. Cesar Suarez



Michelle Webster, Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day while I am deployed. I miss you every day, and love you very much. I look forward to coming home to you soon. Love Jon

Happy Valentine's Day, Staff Sgt. Shar Jordan. I love you and miss you terribly. Kiss the kids for me. Staff Sgt. Justin Jordan



Joshua Franco, I'm happy that I found you. Our life together so far has been wonderful and it's only just begun. I love being your wife and you are an awesome husband. I love you with all my heart forever and always! Shanna



Julie and Brooke Sanborn, Happy Valentine's Day to the two most beautiful women in my life. I miss you and wish I could be there with you, you two have a wonderful Valentine's day. Daddy will be home soon! Love, Michael aka Daddy



Dear Ronnie, Just wanted to let you know that no matter where you are, we're with you in heart and spirit. Lil' Ronnie, Riley and I love and miss you so much! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, your biggest fans



Nicole Velsor, This Valentine poem is to you, my precious wife. Because you are the love of my life. Being with you I give praise to the skies. You are so cute, caring and wise. Will you be my Valentine? Love: Will Velsor



Staff Sgt. William Velsor, Honey, We've had a rough year, papers ready and all. When the world answered no, God took the call. He mended our hearts, not a fault line in sight. He gave us the mind to do what was right. I love



To Mike Bubnitz, Happy Valentines Day! I love you and can't wait for you to be home with me! Candice Hamms



Tanya McCrory, This is our second year in a row for me to miss Valentine's Day, but I hope you have a happy one! Enjoy the gift I sent and always know that I love you very much. You'll always be my Valentine! Duane McCrory



To our son Airman 1st Class James Roy Armer: We're all so proud of you. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Saint Valentine's Day from all of us in Tamaha, Oklahoma; Mom, Dad, Petey, Curley, Spot, The Letter H, Leroy, Big Bill and all the girls.

Julie, I Love You. I think of you and pray. Thanks for all your support. Happy Valentines Day! Master Sgt. Dale Potter



Dawn, I think this will be the last Valentine Day message you get from me from somewhere far way. Just know that I love you and miss you, and am looking forward to giving you the hugs and kisses in person when I come home. Have a happy Valentines day, love ya.



Happy Valentine's Day to all you brave soldiers out there! May God watch and bless you and your families.



Yulanda Robinson, baby, I only have 40 words to tell you how much I love you. That's impossible! You mean more to me than words! You are the perfect woman. The love that I have for you grows every day. Luv ya! Kevin



I just wanted to say good luck over there and we are praying for you. Try to do things to keep your mind off the current situation like working out, reading, etc. I wish you all a safe return. God bless!!! Staff Sgt. Jason Riggins



Michael Creek, Happy Valentine's Day! Sorry that our first one together is so far apart. I can't wait to come home and have your sunshine in my life again. Take care, see you sooner than later! Love Jessica



For Riz ... my wife. It's mornings in the kitchen. It's cuddling up at night. This is love. The daily stuff. And we've sure got it right. Mahal kita magpakailan pa man. Love, Ian.



To Jeremy Frost, Happy anniversary! I miss you so much and I can't wait to get home. Tell the monkeys I love them and miss them too. Don't worry I'll be home soon. With lots of love, Maryso



To Michelle Charles, I just want to say I love you one more time and one more time and one more time after that. Love you with all my heart and am thinking of you always ... Michael



To my daughter Sierra and wife Melissa, Happy Valentine's Day, Adam.

Letters sent across base, world

Jason Nelson, Not a day goes by where I do not think about you. You are what I daydream about at work and what I dream of when I lay my head down to sleep at night. I cannot wait until you are in my arms forever. I love and miss you so much. Love, Adrian

Tech. Sgt. Dave Abell, Happy Valentine's Day!! We love and miss you very much! Congratulations on your promotion! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we can't wait until you come home. Love, Jackie, Justin and Jenna

Yuko, Thanks for 13 and a half glorious years of marriage together. And for the love and affection we share, together as one. I Love You with all my heart, today, tomorrow and everyday. Happy Valentine's Day! Greg

Todd, I miss you and can't wait for us to be together again soon. Wish we could spend this special day together. Happy Valentine's Day! Love Always and Forever, Pooh Bear

To Anna Terry, thank you for all of your hard work and devotion. I miss and I love you. Happy Valentine's Day beautiful. Edwin Terry

Candace, Thank you for being my guiding light and my taste of heaven. The world around me has nothing to offer that compares with the bliss of your embrace. All the love that fills my soul is yours. Troy

Airman 1st Class Jerry Balmer, Just wanted to say I love you and miss you. Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Anniversary. Wish you the best until you come home to me. Love you always. Senior Airman Danielle Fears

Loida, you're my completer, the answer to my prayers and my dreams — my wife. I love you with all my heart!

Shannon, I couldn't have been blessed with a more wonderful daughter — you make me so proud. I love you! Dad

Nicole Plunkett, I wish I could be there to spend Valentine's Day with you, but I'll be coming home soon. You are a wonderful person and I'm so happy you're in my life. I love you and Happy Valentine's Day, Honey! Dan

Annie, thank you for the best three years imaginable. God blessed me with a best friend, mentor and wife all in one. I'm sorry I missed our anniversary, but our best is yet to come. Love you more than life. DeJon

Baby! I know we are thousands of miles away from each other, but will you be my valentine? I love you baby! Miss you lots! Christopher Murie

To my soul mate and best friend! What more could I ask for? As I wish I was by your side, You're in my heart as always! Love, Hugs and Kisses, Troy

Cabana Boy, I'm very proud of you and love you dearly, waiting for you to come home to me. MILKSHAKE...Frenchy

Lynn Soots, To the love of my life, and my true inspiration. Your husband

Cortney, Gunnar and Jett Dooley, You guys are the best, you keep me going everyday. I love you and I miss you. I couldn't ask for better men in my life. Thanks. I love you guys. Love Mommy

Tina Mendoza, Happy Valentine's Day to the love of my live. Thank you for all you do. I love you and miss you. See you in a few months. Love Always and Forever, John Kelley

Hope you make the best of this Valentine's Day. Happy fifth anniversary We love you and miss you very much, looking forward to seeing you soon. Love, Sierra, Adam Jr. and Melissa.

Nonya T., Happy Valentine's Day Baby from K2... 143247... I can't wait to come back home to you ... 823247... I love you and miss you ... Hans

Sharon, Happy Valentine's Day. Hope the kids take you out to dinner for me. Stay strong for our family and soon I'll be home. I miss you and don't worry about me. I'm doing fine. Love you sweetie. Staff Sgt. John Montillano

Gary, We love you daddy! Thalyah and Nya

Stan, you are my light and I would be lost without you. I give thanks everyday for having met you. I miss you and can't wait to be home. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Belinda Gaston

Xochitl, Cameron and Caleb Garza, I just wanted to say Happy Valentine's Day. Even though I am not there with you guys, you are in my heart and prayers. I cannot wait to see you guys. God Bless. Senior Airman Ramiro Garza

Senior Airman Ron Oudean, Happy Valentine's Day! Brianna and I are very proud of you. You are in our every thought and prayers. We love and miss you always, Jamie and Bri

CJ, You have made me fall in love with you over and over again. I love you forever and then some! THTH

Dustin and Lynsey, I love you two very much and am proud to be your Step-Mom. Valerie

Hey Corazon. I want to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. I love you with all my heart. I can't wait to hold you in my arms again. Love always Ronaldo.

George, you are the sunshine that brightens my everyday life. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift ... you are that wonderful gift! I love you very much ... Mel

To my Pooh Bear I am counting the days until I come home and wrap my arms around you. Until then you will be a constant thought in my mind. I Love You Dearly. Todd Jones

Justin Jordan, we miss and love you and can not wait until you get home. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Always, Shar, Dee and Summer

Pret, Christian and Nicole Wongmanee, I love and miss you. Give each other a hug and kiss from me. Love, Mom

Dad, I love and miss you bunches. Hope you are enjoying your vacation. Ha.Ha Love, Kelsey.

Picking a hobby

Looking to extracurricular activities for an increase in sense of purpose

By Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts
355th Wing Chapel

In the midst of our busy lives it seems we can hardly find time for the things we must do, much less find time for the things we want to do. However, we must have balance in our lives. Hobbies provide an excellent way to provide that balance.

A hobby is a participatory activity. Thus, watching sports or other programs on television does not count as a hobby by my definition. A hobby gives opportunity to create something, or accomplish something. So instead of watching sports on TV, get out and join a league or become a referee, or a scorekeeper: become actively involved.

Hobbies give the chance for self-expression. They allow us to become immersed in an activity. And we end up with something we can look upon with pride.

Most Airmen participate in significant activities at work and look upon work accomplishments with pride.

Often, work demands such a large amount of our time that we wonder how we could have room in our schedule for a hobby.



Consider this: a hobby can make us more efficient in all parts of our lives, including work. Hobbies provide activities to which we anticipate, creating an eager spirit that lends energy to all parts of life. Hobbies often unleash our creativity allowing us to approach challenges with a fresh mind. Also, hobbies connect us to other people with the same interest giving us a supportive community in addition to the family and the workplace.

One day, most of us will retire from work. The retirement transition is most stressful for those who do not have an active hobby. Hobbies allow us to remain actively engaged in life even after retiring from gainful employment. And some

people have even been able to turn their hobby into some form of gainful employment.

The old phrase, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" certainly holds true. We need diversions and amusements to remain spiritually and mentally healthy.

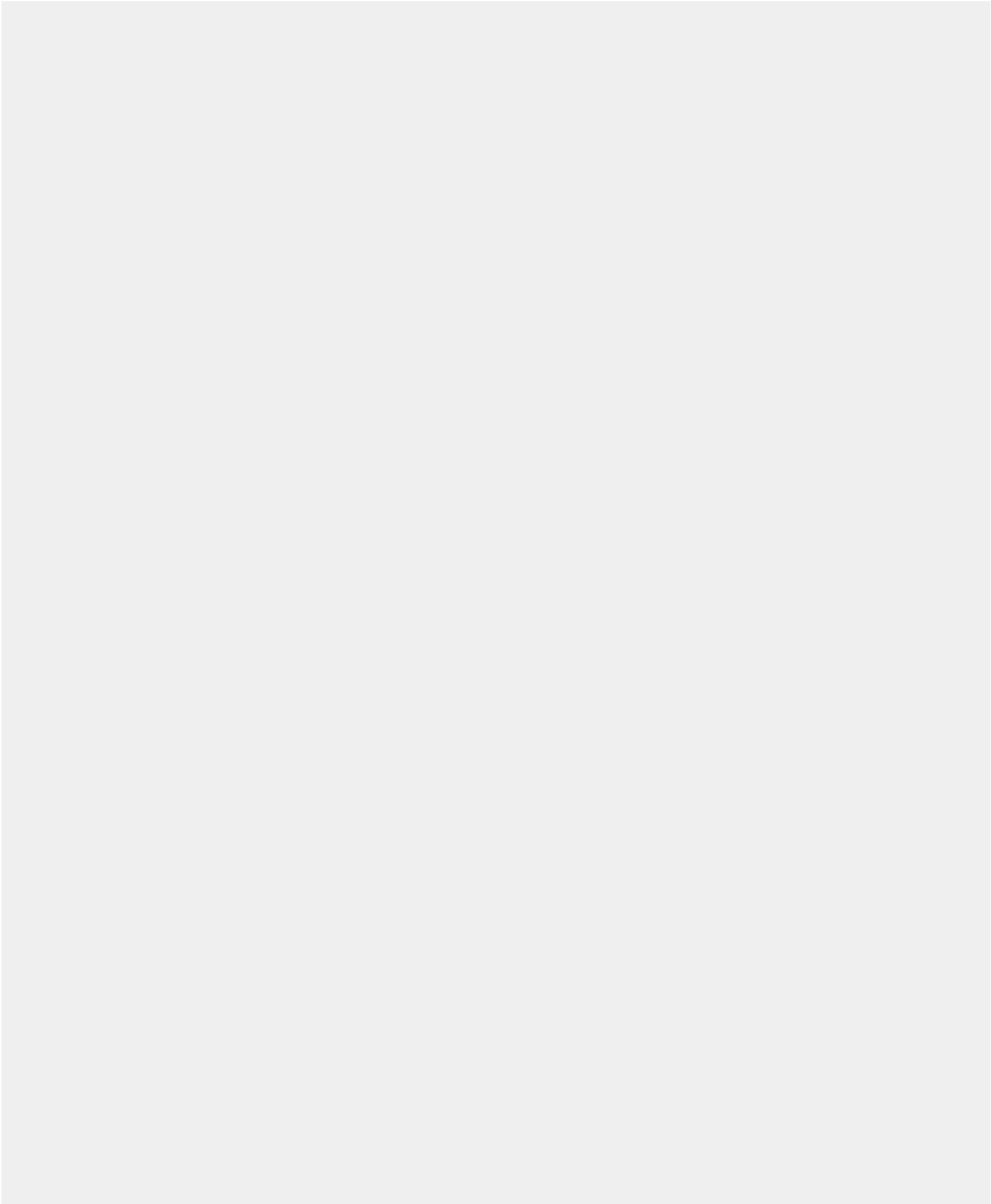
We live in a wonderful world waiting to be explored and enjoyed.

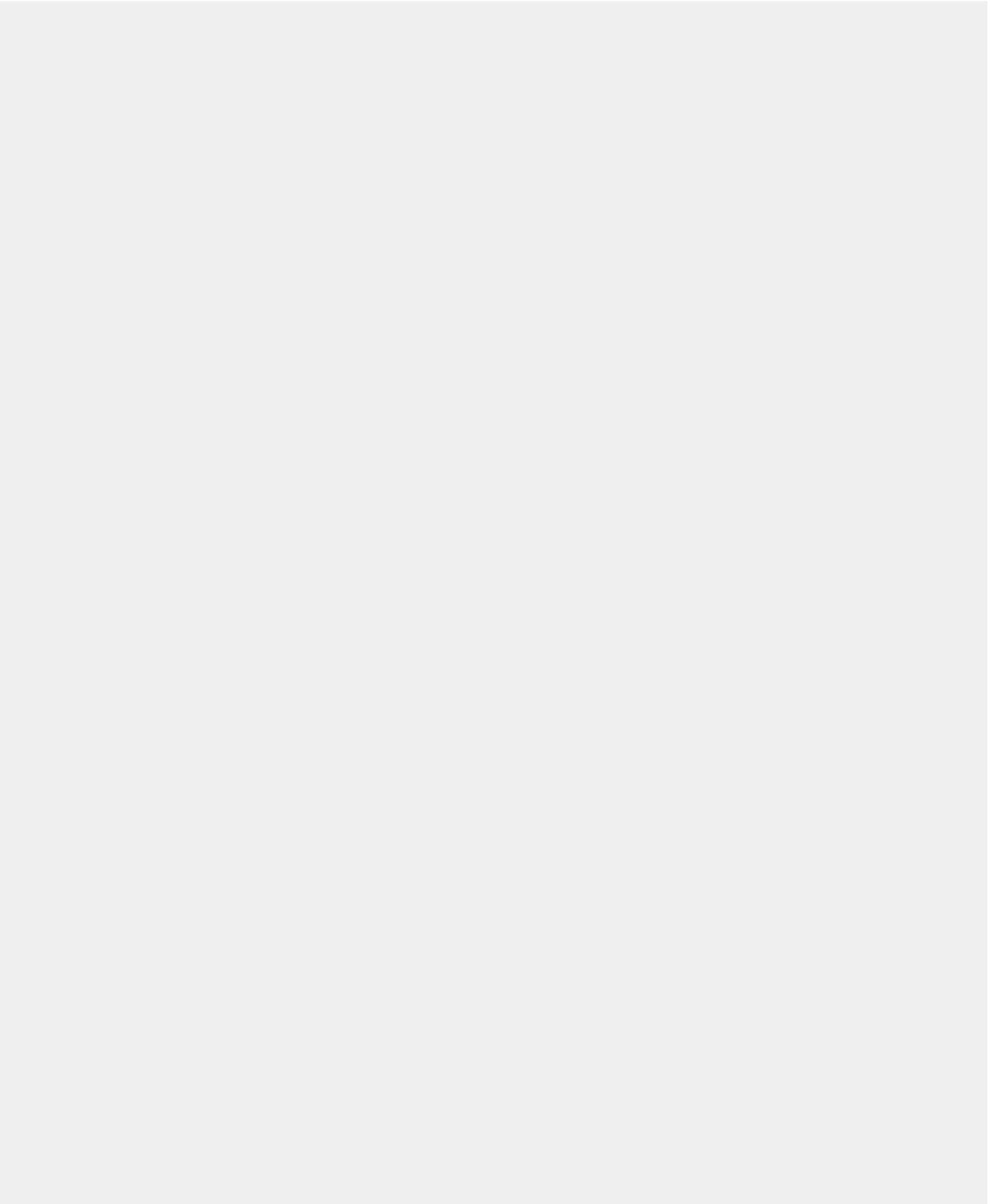
The song "Circle of Life" states, "There is more to see than can ever be seen; More to do than can ever be done." Involvement in a hobby lets us see a wider scope of the world.

As Airmen, we are already privileged to have a wide variety of experiences. Hobbies enrich that experience.

Common interests outside of work are often the catalyst for a bond of friendship. Often people with similar hobbies have a similar outlook on life. Most hobbyists share a technical language that can only be understood by others who share the hobby. These common factors are a good foundation for a strong friendship.

So, just try and spend some time in your favorite hobby this week. If you don't already practice a hobby, spend some time researching an interest area on the Internet. You'll be glad you did.





Sidewinder's visit hits homerun with Airmen

Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Tucson Sidewinders, Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks class AAA affiliate, visited Davis-Monthan Feb. 3 as part of their community outreach program.

Outreach programs like this help develop and nurture Airmen by allowing the ball club to show the respect, admiration and gratitude they have for the military.

"It is a privilege to visit," said Landon Vincent, director of media relations for the ball club. "Historically and traditionally, Davis-Monthan has played a significant role in the livelihood of the Southern Arizona community as well as the defense of our nation. It is a chance for the players to meet and interact with their fan base in the Davis-Monthan community and thank them for all their support."

Four players, Jesus Cota, Brandon Medders, Dustin Nippert and Alan Zinter, and their manager, Chip Hale, came to the base to show their continued support of the Davis-Monthan community, said Sergio Pedroza, director of community relations with the Tucson Sidewinders baseball club.

The Sidewinders started coming to the base last year as a way to reach out to the community, Mr. Vincent said. Last year, players from the ball

club greeted people outside the base exchange.

"It's always nice to come and interact with the community," said Mr. Zinter, Sidewinders first baseman and catcher. Sharing the experience with Airmen is unique because the ballplayers are interested in learning about the Airmen and the Air Force's mission and the Airmen are interested in learning about the ballplayers and their jobs on the baseball diamond.

Mr. Zinter also played with the Diamondbacks last year and the Houston Astros, in 2002.

The Sidewinders are helping to develop and nurture Airmen by offering a promotion where all military personnel receive a variety of special deals for Sunday home games, said Jay Zucker, president and chief executive officer of the Sidewinders.

"Discounted tickets are just a small token of appreciation for all of the sacrifices military members make for our community and nation," Mr. Vincent said.

The ball club is also working on a promotion where all Airmen returning from deployment will be invited out to the following Sunday's game as special guests and will be honored on the field.

"This is one way the Tucson Sidewinders are able to honor men and women in uniform for their outstanding service to the county," Mr. Vincent said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Davis-Monthan personnel wait in line to meet and receive autographs from members of the Tucson Sidewinders team during their visit to D-M.

Airman wins new car at club

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Sunday, while Jacksonville, Fla. was hosting the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles, The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club opened their doors to provide a place for the D-M community to watch Super Bowl XXXIX.

"The event included lots of prizes, snacks, drink specials, hundreds of dollars in giveaways and a Super Bowl Buffet," said Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron marketing publicist. "We also announced the winners of the grand prize Jeep Wran-



Photo by Frances Pientak

gler, deluxe barbecue gas grill and X-Box game system. The winners for the grand prizes were from Football Frenzy entries submitted during 2004 Monday Night games."

The winner of the jeep was Staff Sgt. Bruce Zimmerman, 612th Air Communications Squadron secure communications journeyman.

"A couple of guys from work and I would head over to the club every Monday night during Monday Night Football," Sergeant Zimmerman said. "I would submit my name for the jeep every week."

The Monday Night events were a good, inexpensive way to spend time, said Sergeant Zimmerman.

"I live on base and it is convenient for me to go to the club," Sergeant Zimmerman said. "That and you don't have to spend a lot of money with the food and drink specials. It's a good deal."

"The clubs offer a wide variety of events for just about anyone," Mr. Sweeney said. "With all of the giveaways and the discounts members receive, it really does pay to be a member. In addition, we try to offer events that are fun and that welcome new people."

As just another part of the good deals offered by the clubs, Sergeant Zimmerman plans to enjoy his new vehicle.

Staff Sgt. Bruce Zimmerman, 612th Air Communications Squadron, lays across the hood of a Jeep Wrangler he won. Sergeant Zimmerman was selected as the winner of the jeep during the Super Bowl Party at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club.

Basketball

Monday/Wednesday under 30

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS 1	7-0-0
755 AMXS	7-1-0
ANG	6-1-0
563 MXS 1	3-4-0
CES	3-4-0
ARMY	2-5-0
EMS	2-6-0
755 OSS	1-5-0
41 ECS	1-6-0

Monday/Wednesday over 30

Med Gp	6-1-0
755 AMXS	5-1-0
355 AMXS	4-2-0
CMS	1-6-0
LRS	0-6-0

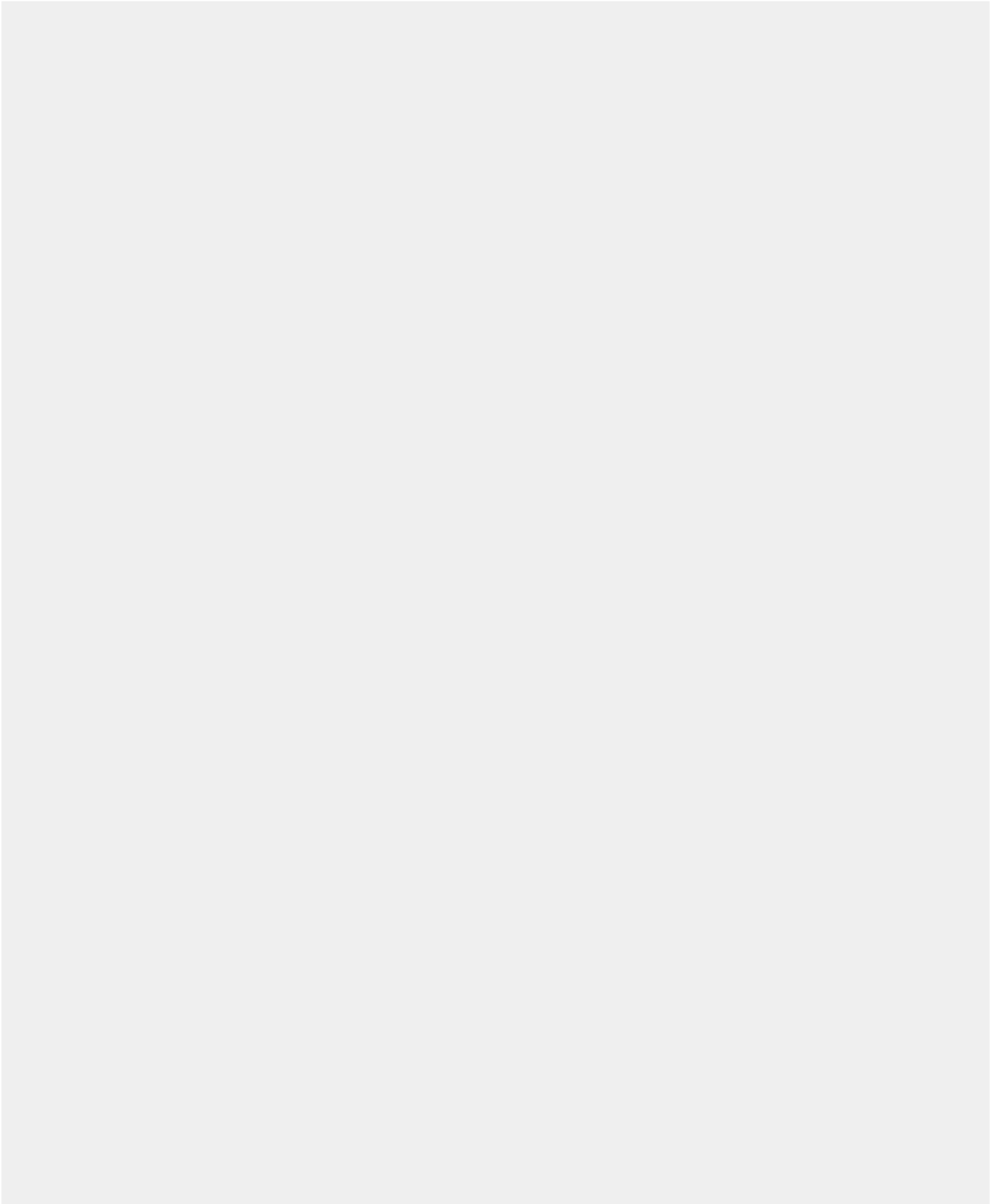
Tuesday/Thursday under 30

CMS	6-1-0
SFS	5-1-0
SVS	4-1-0
355 OSS	3-2-0
LRS	4-3-0
355 AMXS 2	3-3-0
Med Gp	3-4-0
DECA	1-4-0
CS	1-5-0
563 MXS 2	0-6-0

Tuesday/Thursday over 30

SVS	8-0-0
CPTS	3-4-0
CONS	3-5-0
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(Editor's Note: List current as of Tuesday)



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

College-Level Examination Program

Pima Community College on base offers CLEP testing. Thirty-five computer based exams are available. Tests are Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. or Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. Score reports are available immediately upon completion of tests. Credits can be applied to Community College of the Air Force, PCC, Park University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Troy University, University of Arizona and most major universities. These help students shorten the time it takes to get a degree. For more information, come by the Pima office in Building 3200, Room 224 or call 206-4866.

OTS boards

Due to Fiscal 2005 Air Force force-shaping efforts, the non-rated (both non-technical and technical) portions of the March 28 and May 10 Officer Training School selection boards have been rescheduled for August. The rated panels for these boards will convene as scheduled. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

ROTC changes

Headquarters at the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps has made several changes to its Enlisted Commissioning Programs effective immediately. Changes affect all ROTC commissioning programs. Changes include new ruling on pregnancy, new Physical Fitness Test requirements and scholarships tuition caps. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support recommends using only the U.S. Department of Education's Web site, <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>, for the FAFSA. This site allows individuals to file an electronic application

free. The Web site, <http://www.fafsa.com/>, while not affiliated with the U.S. Department of Education or the FAFSA on the Web site, offers FAFSA filing for a fee. Another Web site, <http://www.fafsa.org/>, exists but is also not affiliated with the U.S. Department of Education or the FAFSA.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday and Feb. 23 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for departing Airmen and will acquaint them with services and agencies available to help with the transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Welcome home banners

Those whose spouses are currently deployed are invited to join the Hearts Apart Group Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hope Chapel to make a welcome home banner. All supplies, pizza and refreshments are furnished. However, attendees must be registered with Hearts Apart. To make reservations no later than Monday, call 228-5690.

Veteran's Affairs Claims Assistance

A Veteran's Affairs representative will provide group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. This briefing will take place in Building 3200, Room 266. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Heart Link Spouse Orientation

Air Force spouses are invited to come together for food, activities, games and prizes Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Information from various organizations will be presented. Free lunch and childcare are

provided. For reservations, call the D-M Family Support Center at 228-5690.

Happenings

OSC Charity Gala and Silent Auction

Invitations to the Officers' Spouses' Club Charity Gala and Silent Auction will be going out in March. The event will be April 16 at the Pima Air and Space Museum. Funds raised will benefit both military and civilian communities with the distribution of scholarships and monetary donations. Those interested in attending can call Elizabeth Kramlinger at 747-3037 or Carolyn Kincaid at 514-0948 by Feb. 25.

Home Buying Workshop

The Housing Management Office will sponsor a Home Buying Workshop March 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center. For reservations, contact Tina West at 228-5548 or e-mail to sally.west@dm.af.mil.

Town hall meeting

The town hall meeting originally scheduled for March 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center has changed to March 16 at 5 p.m. For more information, call Carol Mares at 228-6609.

Women's History Month

March is a month set aside by Presidential Proclamation to celebrate Women's History Month. Since 1968, the Department of Defense has proudly supported special observances through the development of local programs of recognition and many diverse activities. This year's theme is "Women Change America." With March just around the corner, the Women's History Month committee is seeking volunteers, male or female to help plan and organize the month's celebration. Those who are interested or want to get involved, can contact Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray at 228-9719.

Movies

Admission is for Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests only. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Today at 7 p.m.

Meet the Fockers, PG-13 - Having given permission to male nurse Greg Focker, played by Ben Stiller, to wed their daughter, ex-CIA man Jack Byrnes, played by Robert De Niro, and his wife, played by Blythe Danner, travel to Detroit to meet Greg's parents. However, Mr. and Mrs. Focker, who are played by Dennis Hoffman and Barbara Streisand, are as different from the Byrnes' as can be. *1 hour, 54 minutes*



Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, R — Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew, Team Zissou, set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive and possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. The team must now face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping and bankruptcy. *1 hour, 58 minutes*

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact him at 228-7352 or send an e-mail to chris.sweeney@dm.af.mil.

D-M offers Valentine's Day gifts

The gift shop in the Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center has a variety of gifts for Valentine's Day. They make an array of baskets including the 'Perfect Date' basket which contains sparkling cider, glasses, a candle, plates, cheese, crackers and other items needed for a picnic. The 'Spa' basket contains bath salts, body lotion, a bath pillow, a candle and massage lotion. The cost of the baskets start at \$10. Delivery is free on base for orders of Valentine's Day merchandise over \$15. Customers are encouraged to shop early for the best selection. While at the center, customers are invited to check out the other selections of all occasion gifts including silk flower arrangements, coffee mugs and unique custom gift baskets. The D-M Arts and Crafts Center will be open Monday for Valentine's Day sales from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-4385.

The Desert Lightning Community Center's Fifth Street Balloon Shop has more than 18 different balloon bouquets and gift packages available for Valentine's Day. Gifts range in price from \$7.75 to \$31.25 and contain a variety of new items to compliment each gift package including balloons, treats, mugs, stuffed animals, dolls, candy and much more. Order a pre-made package or create a unique gift. This year's early

bird special is for the first 50 customers who place and pay for their order; they will receive a free \$5 lunch coupon for Stormy's Cafe. Deliveries are available on base for \$2. Deliveries will be made Monday. Squadron deliveries will be from 8 a.m. to noon and deliveries to base housing residents will be from noon to 2 p.m. Those who are interested in placing an order are encouraged to order early for best gift selections. For more information, call 228-3500 or 228-3717.

Arizona Renaissance Festival

Information, Tickets and Travel has trips to the Arizona Renaissance Festival Feb. 19 and March 20. Explore a bustling artisan marketplace, mingle and interact with nearly 2,000 costumed characters or savor fine fare. Fest-goers can enjoy 12 stages of music, comedy shows, demonstrations and a 4,500-seat arena for jousting tournaments and more. The cost of \$27 includes transportation and entry into the festival. To sign up for the February trip, call 228-3736 no later than today. To sign up for the March trip, call the number listed above no later than March 11.

Under 21 Club Specials

The D-M clubs have a variety of specials for those who are under 21 years of age. With the club's D-M "Z" Membership Program, any member under 21 who maintains their D-M membership can receive up to \$300 in credit toward their 21st birthday party at the club. D-M "Z" credit amounts are as follows: maintain three months membership and receive \$75 in credit; maintain six months membership and receive \$150 in

credit; maintain membership for one-year or longer and receive \$300 off a 21st birthday party. Ask a club manager about using D-M "Z" credit. In addition, the clubs also offer members under 21 years non-alcoholic beverages at half price. For more information, call 228-3100.

Nonappropriated Fund Property Sale

The 355th Services Squadron will host a Squadron NAF property sale March 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will be held on the road along the fence at Bama Park. Customer parking will be in the parking lot between Bama and the soccer field behind the D-M Skills Development Center, located in Building 4430. For more information, call 228-4385.

Auto Skills Center Resale Lot

The Auto Skills Center can help those in the D-M community sell their car, truck, boat, motor home, camper or trailer at their resale lot. The lot is located at Fifth and Comanche Street and has 65 spaces available for those who would like to put their vehicle up for sale. Spaces cost \$7.50 for 15 days. To reserve a space, stop by Building 4531 or call 228-3614.

You Be You With Air Force Services

With the Air Force-wide You Be You With Air Force Services, all D-M club members, airmen basic to senior airmen receive free dues for their first year of membership. In addition, they also receive five Services Bucks each month during their first year at D-M. For more information on becoming a club member, stop by the club or call 228-3100.

PHONE NUMBERS

Sherry Jones Manager / Customer 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 748-0660 or 228-3301
BARBER SHOP: 748-8008

We're open!
During renovations at the Mirage, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday for your enjoyment!

The Mirage
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB
Poly Bar

Party in the Poly Bar!
Thursdays & Fridays - Open from 4pm to close.
Enjoy Social Hour with your friends from 5 to 7pm.
Friday - Social Hour food and Karaoke with Desi! Members only.

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BARBER SHOP: 748-8710
CABANAS: 747-3254

Thursday Mug & Mic Night!
Drink Specials All Night
Mug Night - 6-8pm
Bring your own mug and receive your choice of draft beer or soda (32 oz limit) for \$1.75
Don't have a Mug? Come in and inquire how to get one!
Open Mic Night - 6-11pm
Play your instrument, sing your song, or test your comic skills!

Desert Oasis

Cabanas
BIG KAYAKS

Cabanas Special every Sunday
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.90

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas February Lunch Time Special - BBQ Beef Sandwich with Fries or Tossed Salad and Soda \$5.95

T.G.I.F. Open until 2am every Friday!

Feb 11 - T.G.I.F. Social Hour, draft beer & drink specials from 5-7pm & food from 5-6pm. DJ Dave rocks from 6-10pm. DJ Insayne Payne heats up the house from 10pm-2am!

Feb 13 - Valentine Sweetheart Brunch, 10am-1pm. Buy brunch, get one free for your sweetheart! RSVP!

Feb 16 - Why Not Wednesdays! Chili Bar, 5-6pm, Social Hour, 5-7pm! Also Boss & Buddy Night! Enjoy cards, pool, dominos, music

Feb 17 - Mug and Mic Night! Open mic from 6-11pm, Mug Night from 6-8pm, doors open at 3pm. Drink specials all night long!

Feb 25 - Surf and Turf Dinner! 5:30-7:30pm (New York Strip & Shrimp Scampi) for \$21.95! Includes glass of wine with dinner (all mbrs \$2 discount + SVS Buck)

BOSS and BUDDY

Now through July the Desert Oasis will host the weekday lunch specials while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!
From 1100-1300 (members receive a \$2.00 discount) To 1100-1300

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice	BBQ Buffet	Tee's Pub & Grill Pasta Station	Catfish buffet & Meatloaf

Specials for our members under 21
All non-alcoholic beverages are 1/2 price
Maintain your membership and receive club credit towards your 21st birthday here at YOUR club
3-mo: \$75, 6-mo: \$150, 1-Yr plus: \$300

Note: There will be a \$5 cover charge on Fridays from 9pm-2am for all eligible non-members. It pay's to be a member!